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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF \$500,000 FROM THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CARE FOUNDATION TO  
OFFSET ADOPTION PRICES FOR ANIMAL RESCUE GROUPS  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to accept a donation of \$500,000 from the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation to the Department of Animal Care and Control.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Accept a gift of \$500,000 to offset adoption fees for cats to the public and Pit Bulls, Chihuahuas, and cats to animal rescue organizations, in order to increase animal adoptions from Los Angeles County animal care centers.
2. Instruct your Board to prepare and send a letter of appreciation to the donors for their generous donation.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Department is pleased to inform your Board that the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation (Foundation) has received a grant in the amount of \$500,000 from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) to be used to increase the adoption of animals by the public and animal rescue groups. Since this gift is in excess of \$10,000 it requires your Board's approval for acceptance.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The acceptance of the donation to the Department of Animal Care and Control (Department) will

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support the organizational goal of operational effectiveness (Goal 1) by providing more resources to allow animal rescue organizations to adopt animals from County animal care centers.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The recommended action will not result in any additional cost to the Department.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Government Code Section 25355 permits the County to accept donations or other gifts for a specific County purpose. Section 2.4.2 of the County Fiscal Manual authorizes County departments to accept donations in excess of \$10,000 with Board approval.

The Foundation is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit foundation. The Foundation's sole purpose is to assist and promote the programs of the Department. Your Board approved an agreement between the Foundation and the Department on October 21, 2002, pursuant to County policies requiring Board approval of agreements between County departments and their supporting non-profit foundations.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This donation will provide additional resources to allow the public to adopt cats and animal rescue groups, known as Adoption Partners, to adopt Pit Bulls, Chihuahuas, and cats from County animal care centers. The Department works with more than 200 approved Adoption Partners who are 501(c)(3) charitable organizations. Adoption Partners increase the adoption rate at County animal care centers by adopting animals to later place into permanent homes. This grant will be used to pay 100 percent of the total adoption fees. The current cost for an Adoption Partner to adopt an unsterilized animal is \$50, and it is \$25 if the animal is already sterilized. The current cost for a member of the public to adopt a cat is \$90, and it is \$50 if it is already sterilized. This grant will fully offset the adoption cost for Adoption Partners.

### **CONCLUSION**

Two draft appreciation letters thanking the ASPCA and the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation for the generous donation are attached. Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Animal Care and Control.

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Respectfully submitted,

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